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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

Applicant thanks Examiner Gerstl for the indication of allowed matter in claims 1, 4, 5, 14 and 16.

SUPPORT FOR THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Step (D) of claim 2 has been rewritten into dependent form depending from claim 1. The last step of claim 6 has been deleted as redundant to step (D) of claim 1, from which claim 6 now depends thru claim 2. Thus, no new matter has been added and no new issues are believed to be raised.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 7-13 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph enablement has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. Claims 7-13 and 17-20 have been cancelled.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Trauben et al. '130 (hereafter Trauben) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Claim 2 has been rewritten into dependent form depending from allowed independent claim 1. Since claim 2 now contains all

of the limitations of allowed claim 1, claim 2 is also fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Trauben in view of Hennessy, pages 385 and 404 is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 6 now depend from allowed independent claim 1. Since claims 3 and 6 contain all of the limitations of allowed claim 1, claims 3 and 6 are also fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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